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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY GROUP FROM RAILWAY AGE

1. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO HOST ELABORATE PROGRAM FOR GROUP OF 40 AMERICANS WHO WILL BE VISITING CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAY 18-20, 1976. THIS GROUP BEING SPONSORED BY RAILWAY AGE, 350 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 10013. REQUEST FROM CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS BASED ON LETTER FROM RAILWAY AGE SIGNED BY MR. ROBERT G. LEWIS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THIS THE MINISTRY IS PLANNING SIGHTSEEING, MEETINGS WITH TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS, LUNCHEONS, ETC. THEY ASKED IF THE EMBASSY WOULD BE HOSTING A RECEPTION.

3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISIT OF THIS GROUP. PLEASE CONFIRM THIS BONA FIDE BUSINESS TRIP BY RAILWAY OFFICIALS AND NOT TOURIST GROUP. IN ADDITION, PLEASE ADVISE WHAT EMBASSY SUPPORT SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

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